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SELWYN HOUSE NEWSLETTER

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Bantam Hockey Team Best Yet
Three Tournament Wins
Middle School Squad Shows Promise

This year's edition of the Bantam hockey team has proved to be the most successful in the School's history in both league and tournament play. Their record of 21 wins, 3 ties and 3 losses has taken them to first place in their section in G.M.A.A. league.

In tournament play, the Upper Canada College Jubilee Tournament, L.C.C. Invitational and the B.C.S. matches, the Bantam team emerged as winners of all three. Other coaches at these tournaments were most impressed by the S.H.S. team's disciplined positional play and crisp body checking, tactics instilled in this squad by long hours of practice under coach P. Beauchamp.

Despite the fact that coach D. Cude's Midgets were obliged to compete against older boys in the juvenile section of the G.M.A.A. league, the team continued to improve over the season and compiled a very creditable record. When matched against other midget teams in the Stanstead Hockey Tournament, this squad showed its true worth and emerged as the winner. Mr. Cude had high praise for all members of his winning team after this tourney and singled out J. Czaharyn and T. Iton for their dedication and hustle.

The Middle School team, coached by Old Boy Ken Reardon, compiled a fine record of 7 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties by mid-season. This group has good depth and includes in its roster a number of bright prospects, D. Doheny, R. Drummond, P. Roman, A. Sader and B. Sheldon, players who will, undoubtedly, make their mark on future teams.

S.H.S. Middle School on the attack against Vaudreuil Catholic H.S.

A Date to Remember

O.B. DINNER

Thursday, March 27, 1980
at the School

Cocktails 6:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker:
Nick Auf der Maur

Canadian Association of Independent Schools Holds Founding Conference

The Canadian Association of Independent Schools held its founding conference in Toronto in November. The C.A.I.S. is an amalgam of the 43-year-old Canadian Headmasters' Association and of the Canadian Association of Principals of Independent Schools.

The conference was held at Upper Canada College on the occasion of that school's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

Fifty-three schools across Canada are members of the new organization and together they have a combined enrolment of 17,000 students. An independent school is eligible for membership in C.A.I.S. if it is not operated for gain and if it provides courses leading to university entrance.

Mr. T. T. Menzies, Headmaster of King's-Edgehill School, Windsor, Nova Scotia, was elected the Association's first President. The following officers were also elected: Mr. Bryan Peet, Headmaster of York House School, Vancouver, Vice-President; Mrs. Micky Sendall, Principal of St. Margaret's School, Victoria, Secretary and Mr. A. S. Troubetzkoy, Headmaster of Selwyn House School, Treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors include Miss Hazel Perkin, St. Clement's School, Toronto; Sister Margaret Johnson, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Montreal and R. A. Bradley, Ridley College, St. Catharines.

Gourmet Meals Supplied by Inter-House Competition Students Show Talent for Cooking

"Men's liberation" was in full flower at Selwyn House during the part latter of the fall term over a period of four Tuesday lunches.

Arising out of the Leadership Weekend in September was the Grade 11 suggestion that the inter-house competition include a cooking contest. The rules were relatively simple and few. Each house was to prepare a meal for the head table at the third lunch sitting; the boys, not their mothers, had to prepare the meals; and the winning house would be judged on the numbers of chefs involved, the presentation of the food and its gourmet qualities.

The real winners were the judges, Messrs. Troubetzkoy, Porter and B. Williams, who thoroughly enjoyed their task and the meals prepared by the students. The judges were highly impressed by the calibre of food served by the contestants and, while savouring the individual dishes, they were the envy of the other diners whose menu was less exotic.

After much deliberation, however, the three judges were unable to decide upon one overall winner. Lucas House, which had prepared an Italian meal, and Speirs House, whose entry had been a Ukrainian theme, were judged tied for equal first while the other two houses, Macaulay and Wanstall, took second and third places, respectively.

When asked to comment about the contest, Headmaster Troubetzkoy spoke highly of the initiative of the Grade 11 students who organized this original competition and of all those who participated. As well, he hoped it would be an annual affair and that he could be appointed a permanent judge at this gastronomic event.

Singing Sons of Eli Visit S.H.S.
Choral Hi-jinks Entertain Older Boys

Eighteen young fraternity brothers from Yale gave up their Thanksgiving holidays to come north on a singing tour. The group, which calls itself "The Society of Orpheus and Bacchus", visited Selwyn House on November 23. The singers were entertained at lunch, where they dispersed themselves amiably among the students. Later in the gym, the society entertained grades 9, 10 and 11 for about forty minutes and impressed everyone with the memorized polish of their act. One singer gave unobtrusive but very effective direction to the free-wheeling members of the ensemble who, in the spirit of the wine god, Bacchus, veered at more than one point towards hilarious conviviality. Another singer who shone in considerable prominence, the founder and guiding spirit of the society, deserves mention if only for his name: David Schimmelpennick van der Oye. More than one Selwyn House boy left the gym acutely and admiringly aware that the members of the society were very little older than they.

Yale Singers welcome Madame M. A. Parent to their gro

House activities increased Captains supply impetus to varied programme

Enthusiasm for the House system has been exceptionally high this year, and this renewed interest is reflected in the number and diversity of activities in the Inter-House competition. The House captains, Alex Gault (Wanstall), Greg Thompson (Speirs), Ralph Beaveridge (Macaulay) and Tony Iton (Lucas), have provided strong leadership for their House members.

An Inter-House talent show at the leadership weekend early last fall provided spirited entertainment for all the week-enders, and here Wanstall edged out a victory over Speirs House. The Junior School had its own novel competition, the chestnut contest, and the best "conkers" came from Lucas House.

Ted Nash and his committee of grade 11 students organized a charity drive for the Vietnamese boat people and Macaulay House succeeded in raising $175, topping Speirs House's contribution of $169.

The most unusual competition was the cooking contest which is featured in a separate article in this issue of the newsletter.

These events, in addition to the usual House sports competition, provided an exciting end to the autumn term House activities. Wanstall House, which had suffered several years of drought, made a strong comeback and took overall first place, and its green and white banner now hangs in the position of honour in the gymnasium.

Activity Programme in Full Swing

Top left: **Yearbook editors hard at work.** *Top right:* **A quiet moment in the art room.** *Bottom left:* **Madame Isabelle Doré's 11th grade French play at Christmas Assembly.** *Bottom right:* **Production line in Woodworking class.**

Curlers, Wrestlers, Squash players also active:

Basketball Teams Compete in League and Exhibition Play

Rigorous competion in the GMAA basketball league has made Mr. Dowd's Midget team justifiably proud of its nine wins and five loss record. Veterans H. Bernstein, G. Drummond and newcomer R. Sephton led the team to victory in the LCC Invitational Tournament consolation section and, at the time of writing, this group is in a close battle for a league playoff spot.

The Bantam team, under coach Govan, is undergoing a year of rebuilding and, consequently, is only involved in an exhibition schedule in order to gain experience and sharpen the playing skills of its members.

Mr. Govan, who also coaches the Middle School basketball team, commented favourably on the enthusiasm of this group and singled out J. Thomka-Gandy, D. Patterson, J. Bray and A. Smith as likely prospects for next year's Bantam team.

The curling team has profited by an additional year's experience, and their strategy and their making has improved immensely, as has the play of the three [illegible] Andrew Smith, Clive Spiegel, [illegible] In fact, a number of [illegible] have been de[illegible] Coach J. [illegible]

Martin has been pleased by the high interest in curling as evidence by the 25 boys striving for eight playing positions.

A number of impressive new wrestlers have permitted coach R. Wearing to fill several weight classes vacated by graduates, and his team now has good depth and balance. At the Riverdale Invitation Wrestling Tournament, E. Taguchi was a gold medalist and T. Valdmanis took a bronze. Members of this team are training rigorously for the Quebec Winter Games in regional tournament competitions.

Our squash players have been somewhat hampered by the lack of a regular league to sharpen their playing skills. However, over the past several months there have been matches in Toronto and in Hamilton at which S. Lafleur, P. Norris, D. Stevenson and M. Morden placed in the top four. The team's strength was evidenced by its whitewashing of teams from B.C.S. and Stanstead at their tourneys. In fact, seven of the team members, C. Eberts, S. Lafleur, M. Morden, D. Stevenson, G. Daly, P. Laplante and R. Ballon, are in the top six provincial rankings in their respective age categories.

Photography Club has first exhibit Many promising lensmen are members

The Photography Club, under Mr. M. Krindle, has expanded its membership this year to include a greater number of students from both Middle and Senior Schools. Both sections of the club are pursuing the same intial goal, an understanding of the black and white medium in which, it has been said, "the gray scale is the photographer's palette."

What is it? Shaun Maxwell's (8B) unusual photogram

Through a series of darkroom exercises, members have learned how to make a gray scale and to use tonal variations in order to bring definition, texture and, hopefully, beauty to their work.

One of these exercises, the creation of a photogram—that is, an image without a camera—involves application of the photographer's knowledge of the gray scale and its extremes. These student photograms were recently on display at the School and received many favourable comments for their originality and creativity.

As well, members of the club are expected to master the fundamentals of darkroom procedures. This permits each photographer to view the end product of his photographic effort not simply as a snapshot, but rather as a total creative effort.

New Members Elected to the Board

At the annual meeting of the Selwyn House Association the following new members of the Board of Directors were elected: Mr. Daniel O'C. Doheny, Q.C., father of David, '84; Mrs. R. Cowling, mother of John, '82; and Mr. J. C. Taylor, father of Brittain, '86.

The following were re-elected: D. C. Robertson, T. R. Carsley, A. G. LeMoine, H. J. F. Bloomfield, Dr. A. M. Cloutier, Professor Derek Drummond, D. C. MacKay, K. M. L. Monod, John Norris, Mrs. A. B. Skinner, Dr. R. W. Stevenson, A. S. Troubetzkoy, Mrs. H. D. Walford and Dr. V. M. Whitehead.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, the following officers were elected: D. C. Robertson, Chairman; D. O'C. Doheny, Vice-Chairman; T. R. Carsley, Secretary; and A. G. LeMoine, Treasurer.

Greg Thompson against Massey-Vanier opponent in 150-lb. class.

Between matches at Royal Montreal Curling Club *kneeling* **L to R: Tony Munro, Ian Downey;** *rear:* **Andrew Smith, Glen Fong, Clive Spiegel, Max Plojing, Eugene Kovalik, coach Mr. Jack Martin.**

Phoenix Theatre's Production of *Glass Menagerie* Captures Student Audience

On Friday, November 30, a company from Montreal's Phoenix Theatre brought to Selwyn House Tennessee Williams' play *The Glass Menagerie.* This play is studied in detail at the grade ten level in the School, but it was attended by all boys from grade eight to grade eleven. The subject matter, a genteel southern family's attempt to escape from reality, and the cast's portrayal of the family members held the audience spellbound throughout the two-hour production. The intensity of the acting established a close communication between the players and the audience, and the production demonstrated the dramatic possibilities that exist with even the simplest of stage sets and lighting.

Carnival Events Shared by S.H.S. and E.C.S.

On February 14 and 15, Selwyn House held its annual winter carnival with the girls from Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School. The carnival consisted of a dance and a full day of skiing and involved all students from grades 8-11.

The dance, which was held at E.C.S. on Thursday evening, was very well attended, and a lively atmosphere pervaded the E.C.S. gym. The program of continuous music provided by the vivid *Hartford Baby Grande* group and the popular *T. J.'s Mobile Disco* gave the dancers an excellent variety of sound.

The following day, the two schools travelled to Mont Tremblant Ski resort. The buses arrived at the mountain at 9:30 am, giving all the students ample time for a superb day in the sun. Cross-country skiers and downhillers had fine skiing, while others simply relaxed and enjoyed the marvellous sunshine and clean mountain air.

Founder's Day Honours Five Grads

Distinguished graduates prior to presentation ceremony *L to R:* H. J. F. Bloomfield, President O.B. Association, Headmaster A. S. Troubetzkoy, Brig. D. K. Black, S. D. Cantlie, John Barnard, Eric Reford, H. J. Fairbanks, D. C. Robertson, Chairman of the Selwyn House Association.

The Founder's Day cocktail party, which was held at the School on November 7, brought together a large representation of Old Boys, parents, staff past and present, and friends of Selwyn House.

At this occasion a tribute was paid to five distinguished Old Boys who were members of the School in its earliest days, Mr. John Barnard ('18), Brigadier D. K. Black ('16), Mr. S. D. Cantlie ('11), Mr. H. F. Fairbanks ('18) and Mr. Eric Reford ('09).

Apart from the bar areas, a favoured gathering place that evening was around the several displays of old class photographs and mementos from the School's past placed at one side of the gymnasium. Here Old Boys renewed friendships and exchanged reminiscences. Certainly the consensus among guests at this gathering was that it was a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Founder's Day Draws Friends of the School

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(Photo 1) John G. Bourne, Past Chairman of S.H.S. Board, D. O'C. Doheny, Q.C., Vice-Chairman of the Association. (2) '77 Grads, L to R: Alex Hyder, Michael Leclair, Filip Papich, Tomas Kaufman, Bruce Williams. (3) L. I. Seville, Middle School Director, chatting with the Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Dungan. (4) Mrs. C. Markland Borchard, ex-Headmistress of the Junior School, and Tom Hruby-Holy '72. (5) Elisabeth Walker, Secretary, Old Boys' Association, and John Norris '47 at the guest registry. (6) Recent graduates, L to R: Michael Whitehead '78, Ken Burns '79, Martin Osmond '79. (7) Retired Senior Master F. Gordon Phillips seen with Dr. and Mrs. Y. Taguchi. (8) L to R: J. G. Porteous '32, one of the original bondholders of the Selwyn House Association; John Barnard '18.

Old Boys' Dinner to be Held Thursday, March 27 Large Turnout Expected

This year's Old Boys' dinner will be held at the School on the evening of Thursday, March 27. We hope that by scheduling the dinner earlier than last year (May 9) more of the students, who would otherwise be involved in exams, will be able to attend.

We have arranged to have as guest speaker this year Nick Auf der Maur. Mr. Auf der Maur, a Montreal city councillor and a columnist for the *Gazette*, is an accomplished speaker, and we expect that he will add considerably to the evening's entertainment. Further details will be included in the next mailing, and we look forward to a large turnout.

Seen at S.H.S. reunion in Ottawa

A. H. Bogert '50, E. P. Black '41 and H. J. F. Bloomfield '59.

(L to R): J. D. Johnston '66 and Charles Beaubien '46.

Excerpt from S.H.S. Yearbook, 1935 Rien ne change!

Members of the School, past and present, will doubtless be glad to hear that an Old Boys Association will shortly become a "fait accompli". It had been hoped to have held an inaugural dinner in 1935, but owing to the large amount of work entailed in the preparation of the list of Old Boys, it will be some time before the latter can be satisfactorily completed. It is hoped, however, to have things well in hand by 1936, and in the meantime it will be of assistance if all Old Boys will keep in touch with us. Any change of addresses should be forwarded to the Headmaster, who will also be glad to receive any suggestions from Old Boys which may possibly be usefully discussed at the first meeting to be held next year.

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let's stay in touch

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

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NEWS _____

O.B. Notes

'33 **John W. Sharp** joined F. H. Deacon Hodgson Inc., stockbrokers in Montreal.

'37 **Victor C. Goldbloom, M.D.** In October, after almost fourteen years in public life, Victor resigned from Quebec's National Assembly to become National President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

'38 **Edward M. Ballon,** Chairman of the Lucas Foundation and President of the McGill Graduates' Society during 1979-80, has been elected a director of the Guardian Trust Company.

'41 **Eldon Pattyson Black** is now Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in Ottawa.

'41 **Christopher A. Q. Bovey** is the Store Operating Manager at the Montreal downtown store of Eaton's.

'50 **Donald MacTaggart** is presently with Canadian Marconi Company and has designed a series of Telex exchanges which recently won a thirty-million-dollar British Post Office contract.

'51 **Michael Meighen,** now living in Toronto, is Vice-President and Director of Marketing for TV Guide, Inc.

'54 **Anthony Maxwell** is moving to London, England, for several years to take up the position of Chief Financial Officer of Alcan U.K.

'55 **Ian Gray** is Marketing and Sales Manager, both domestic and international, for Johnson Reprint Corporation—a subsidiary of Harcourt Brace Johanovich Inc., publishers.

'57 **Christopher Hyde** is Assistant General Manager, Savings, with Crédit Foncier at the head office in Montreal.

'57 **Brian Saunderson** is a partner in Grant, Saunderson & Co., Barristers and Solicitors. As well, he is President of the Nanaimo County Bar Association and Governor of the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

'58 **Edward W. Colby** is an interior designer in Le Vieux Montréal.

'59 **H. J. F. Bloomfield,** President of the O.B. Association and member of the Board, ran against Pierre Trudeau as Mount-Royal Progressive Conservative candidate in the February 18 election. Harry called his riding "the David versus Goliath campaign".

'60 **Jonathan Birks** returned with his family to Montreal after five and a half years in Ottawa with the family firm. He is now President of Henry Birks and Sons in Montreal, and Quebec Regional Manager for Henry Birks and Sons.

'60 **Stuart H. Cobbett** is a lawyer with Heenan, Blaikie, Potvin, Trepanier and Cobbett in Montreal.

'64 **Warren Y. Soper** was granted a PhD at McGill (National Research Council Scholar). He is currently medical liaison officer for Sandoz Ltd. in Montreal and is continuing his research in the study of pain at McGill.

'68 **Thomas S. W. Bourne** is Director of Atlas Construction in Montreal and Manager of the Roads and Structures Department. As well, Thomas recently joined the Old Boys' board.

'68 **Michael Darling** has completed his PhD in English at York University and is now teaching at Vanier College in Montreal. He and his wife Lisa have a son, Thomas Edward, who was born on June 19, 1978.

'69 **Duncan E. Campbell** is a project engineer with C.N. Rail in Montreal.

'69 **David W. Runkle** is presently teaching elementary grades at the Territorial School, Tungsten, N.W.T., X0H 0A0.

'70 **George H. Stinnes** joined the corporate finance department of Wood, Gundy in Toronto in September 1979.

'71 **David Claxton** graduated from Medicine at McGill in 1978 and then left for B.C. for his internship and general practice. In October 1979 he returned to Quebec to set up a general practice.

'71 **R. Andrew Ford** is in third year law at the University of Montreal.

'72 **Thomas Hruby-Holy** is a third year B.C.L. student, Faculty of Law, McGill University.

'73 **Karl Heuser** has graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Mathematics-Computer Science and is now working for Canadian Industries Ltd. in Toronto.

'73 **E. Robert Miller** graduated from M.I.T. in 1977, S.B. in economics, and from Queen's in 1979, M.A. in economics. After spending the summer in Israel, he has started working in the Energy Strategy Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

'73 **Joseph Corey Nicholson** is studying at the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Toronto. He was elected to the board of directors of Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America.

'73 **Graeme Watt** is now working for A. E. Ames Securities in Toronto.

'74 **Robert Gordon** is following a master's program in economics at the University of Western Ontario.

'74 **Stuart Iversen** has recently joined the investment firm Greenshields, Inc., Montreal.

'74 **Paul Mayer,** after completing B.A. (Hons.) at Trent University, is now in first year law at McGill.

'74 **Dev Sainani** is studying engineering at the University of Western Ontario.

'75 **Luigi Deghengi** was named University Scholar for the second time at McGill and won the James McGill Award for academic achievement. He will be reading Law at Wadham College, Oxford University, from October 1980.

'75 **L. M. P. Landsberger,** after graduating from Harvard University, is a graduate student in the electrical engineering department at Stanford University in California.

'76 **Waldemar Böckler** is majoring in chemistry at Carleton University.

'76 **Richard Small** is the Features Editor of the University of Toronto *Varsity* and continues to represent Trinity College as a student member of the general committee of University of Toronto's Faculty of Arts and Science.

'78 **Michael Osterland** is in his first year at Queen's University.

'78 **Alan Walford,** having successfully completed his first term in applied mathematical engineering at Waterloo University, is now employed by Atomic Energy Canada in their nuclear labs at Chalk River.

'79 **Alan P. Rossy** is currently at Marianopolis College in first year commerce.

Old Boys' Rugby Game

Saturday, May 31
10:00 A.M.
Reception to follow